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Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Monday, September 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

The IDHS Emergency Operations Center is activated and will remain to monitor conditions and provide resource support to local county emergency agencies.

Description of Incident

The remnants of Hurricane Ike have accelerated rapidly and moved out Indiana. As much as 10 inches of rain has fallen and widespread flooding is being reported across northwest Indiana. Damage from straight line winds has been reported in numerous counties across central and southern parts of the State. Widespread reports of trees and power lines down have also been received.

Immediate Outlook

Flash Flood Warnings remain in effect through Monday for most of northwest Indiana. Gradual clearing will continue across the state.

Engaged in Response Operations

- INDOT: 12
- Indiana National Guard: 55 with an additional 100 requested
- ISP: 24. Response includes troopers from Lafayette, Indianapolis, Bremen and Fort Wayne
- Indiana Task Force 1: 1 (one)
- DNR: 18 supporting search and rescue
- IDHS: 10

Summary

- 2 fatalities in Porter County.
- 1 fatality in Clarke County.
- 1 fatality in Ohio County.
- 1 fatality in Crawford County.
- 1 fatality in Perry County.
- INDOT has transported 40,000 sandbags and more than 96,000 pounds of sand to Porter, LaPorte and Lake Counties in support of local sandbagging operations.
- IDHS, INDOT, DNR, ISP and Indiana National Guard have deployed to Lake County.
- An estimated 158,000 customers are out of power statewide.

Public Health and Safety:

Confirmed injuries: 19
Confirmed fatalities: 6

Floyd Hospital on generator
Perry County Nursing home on generator
Anderson Hospital on generator for limited time
St. Margaret Mercy Hospital sandbagged but not evacuated – water receding

Special Needs Facilities: Extended care facility in Munster (Lake County) evacuated to other facilities (170+ persons)

Flood Control:

Levee Status:
Failures: Levee near Kennedy Avenue - Hammond (Lake)
Overtopping: Little Calumet Levee - Munster (Lake)
Topped: Hart Ditch Levee - Dyer (Lake)
Dam Status:
Overtopped: Lake George Dam - Hobart (Lake)

Overtopping means water is going over the structure. Topped means water is level with the height of the structure but is not yet pushing water over the top of the structure.

River, Stream, and Lake Conditions:

Major Flood Stage: Little Calumet River at Hammond – Lake County
Moderate Flood Stage: Kankakee River at Shelby – Lake County

Shelters:

Washington County Hospital

Lake County:
Munster High School
Calumet Township Multipurpose Center - Gary
Hammond Civic Center - Hammond
Boys and Girls Club of Lake Station - Lake Station

Total Reported Shelter Population: 110

Counties Status

These counties have declared a state of emergency:

Crawford
Jefferson
Lake
Martin
Perry
Porter

River Monitoring

Various rivers and bodies of water are of concern. To monitor as information comes in, go to:
www.weather.gov/ahps

Road Closures

See attached PDF.

Public Safety and Security

Jail on backup power – Madison County

Hobart Police Department flooded (Lake County)

Anderson (Madison County) EMS Repeater down for limited time

Clark County

The fatality in Clark County was caused by a tree falling on a vehicle in Charlestown.

Crawford County

The fatality in Crawford County was caused by a tree falling on a female.

Indiana Department of Transportation is assisting with local debris removal operations in Crawford County.

Jasper County

Indiana Department of Correction is currently transporting one truck load of water to Rensselaer where INDOT will take over with staging.

Ohio County

The fatality in Ohio County was caused by a tree falling on a female.

Lake County

Indiana Task Force 1 coordinated the deployment of search and rescue assets from the National Guard, DNR and State Police to assist in the evacuation of up to 5,000 people in and around the Town of Munster in Lake County. DNR water rescue crews and ISP dive teams are on scene in Munster to support local water rescue operations with 14 boats. State Police deployed 38 troopers to Lake County to support local support local law enforcement agencies. An ISP helicopter will launch to conduct aerial damage assessment flights once weather conditions improve.

Perry County

The fatality in Perry County was caused by high wind.

Porter County

2 fatalities have been reported in Chesterton. Two adults were swept into a culvert while attempting to pull a child from a culvert. The child was pulled to safety. Porter County Emergency Management Agency activated its emergency operations center in response to flooding.

1 helicopter was deployed in Valparaiso to monitor damage and conduct damage assessment.

Scott County

Indiana Department of Correction is currently transporting one truck load of water to Scottsburg where INDOT will take over with staging.

St. Joseph County

St. Joseph County Emergency Operations Center has been activated. Wind gusts of 60 mph have been reported.